**BOARD MINUTES**

**October 15, 2014 5:00-8:00 PM Syringa Mountain School**

1. A Board Meeting of the Syringa Mountain School Board was held on October 15, 2014. Board Chair Greg Bloomfield presided. The following members were in attendance:

Greg Bloomfield, Board Chair

Paul Bates, Member

Phoebe Pilaro, Vice Chair by phone

Hallie Star, Member

Ben Rogers, Treasurer

Dr. Scott McLean, Member

Also in attendance:

Director, Mary Gervase

Michelle Sandoz, Parent Council Representative

1. Public comment was taken from one parent.
2. Guest presentation Al McCord and Ali Long on a school Farm to Garden feasibility proposal for SMS. The goal of the proposal is to demonstrate how to produce and provide low price, healthy, school lunch by piloting it in a smaller school. With Board permission a letter of intent will be submitted to the Wood River Women’s Charitable Foundation requesting $15,000 to pair with a matching grant to cover time for John Tourine and Ali and Al’s time. They hope to demonstrate a feasible, scalable, generalizable model, even if it requires minimal subsidizing over time. Phase one would include meals being delivered, using local chefs, produce and products to the degree we can. Phase 2 would be looking at the picture for building out into the community including BCSD. Downloadable copy of “Promoting Sustainable Food Systems Through Impact Investing” written by Ali Long is available at [www.thespringcreekfoundatio.org](http://www.thespringcreekfoundatio.org)

Phoebe Pilaro made a motion to authorize the feasibility study for the SMS Farm to School Lunch Pilot at no cost to Syringa and authorizing Ali and Al to submit a LOI to the Wood River Women’s’ Charitable Foundation to solicit seed money. Dr. Scott McClean seconded the motion and it passes unanimously.

1. Parent Council Report outlined the planned Harvest Fundraising Events. Details discussed and Parent Council applauded for their initiative and efforts.
2. Board Workshop
   1. Curriculum and Care Committee follow up: Hallie handed out a proposal that was reviewed by the Board. She requested that the Board approve this proposal to form a Committee to further define what it would accomplish and how it would operate. Greg Bloomfield nominated Hallie Star to chair this committee. Phoebe Pilaro seconded the nomination. The motion passes unanimously.
   2. Development –Robyn Watson presented a proposal to the Board that she would like to volunteer her time as an unpaid consultant but to still provide the same amount of hours of service she was hired to provide. Initial development actions were discussed.
   3. Paul Bates made the motion to set an additional Board meeting for Monday October 20th at 5:00 PM for an executive session to discuss personnel matters. Phoebe Pilaro seconded the motion and motion passes unanimously.
3. New Business
   1. Director’s Report included discussion of upcoming CSI workshop for SMS Board training and that it will be noticed incase a quorum is present; purchase or contracting for of floor mats for the building; update on classroom assistant position was provided.
   2. Paul Bates made the motion to approve a part time after school assistant as long as the numbers warrant additional staffing. Ben Rogers seconded the motion and motion passes unanimously.
4. Ben Rogers made a motion to adjourn the October 15th Board meeting. Hallie Star seconded the motion and motion passes unanimously.
5. Next board meeting date: October 20th, 2014
6. Adjournment of October 15, 2014 Board Meeting at 8:15 PM